

**Campbell County
Farm Service Agency:**

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Hours: 8am – 4:30pm M-F

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County Committee:
Travis Busenitz, Chairman
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Next Committee Meeting:
April 7, 2021 @1pm

Message From Your County Office

The Campbell County Service Center remains closed to visitors because of the pandemic, but Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools.

We value the in-person work that we do with our producers, and we look forward to when we can resume services in the office.

To make a phone appointment, call 307-682-8843.

Important deadline – April 1, 2021 is the final day to purchase a 2021 Non-Insured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) policy for spring seeded crops (barley, wheat, oats, corn, millet and sorghum forage, triticale, and rye). Options include basic (catastrophic coverage) and buy-up coverage.

Administrative fees are waived for beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged, and limited resource producers. These producers are required to pay 50% of their buy-up coverage, which will be billed in January of the following year.

Reporting changes in intended use of a Crop for example: Grain to Hay — Hay to Grazing

Conditions may have changed since you planted and certified the intended use of your crop. Plans may have changed due to lack of precipitation, heat and high winds, lack of irrigation water or because of damage, such as hail.

If your plans have changed and you are going to graze instead of hay your crop, or cut for hay instead of harvesting for grain, you must report the change of intended use to your County FSA Office. Failure to timely report your decision to change the use of crops can result in the loss of benefits under (NAP) Noninsured Crop Disaster Program. Producers can report the change of intended use of a crop up until the final acreage reporting deadline.

Crops with NAP coverage that will not be harvested must be inspected by a FSA Loss Adjuster in order to maintain NAP eligibility. Destruction of the crop, grazing or allowing deterioration of the crop without an inspection can result in loss of program eligibility.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to abnormal adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, flood, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat or extreme cold.

For disease losses, FSA county committees can accept veterinarian certifications that livestock deaths were directly related to adverse weather and unpreventable through good animal husbandry and management.

For 2021 livestock losses, you must file a notice within 30 calendar days of when the loss is first apparent.

The following supporting documentation will need to be provided to your local FSA office no later than 60 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the eligible loss condition occurred.

- Proof of death documentation
- Copy of grower's contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

USDA has **established normal mortality rates** for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 2% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle (less than 250 pounds) = 4.3%. Sheep (Ewes and Rams) = 7.2% and Lambs = 15.9%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions and are set by the Wyoming FSA State Committee.

In addition to filing a notice of loss, you must also submit an application for payment by March 1, 2022.

Additional information about LIP is available at your local FSA office or online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Loans for Targeted Underserved Producers

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has several loan programs to help you start or continue an agricultural operation. Farm ownership and operating loans are available.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, FSA has provided priority funding for members of targeted underserved applicants.

A targeted underserved applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Attention all Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found, you are required to place the lien holder's name on the check as well as that of the Seller.

Ag Products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops.

<p><u>Important FSA Dates and Deadlines</u></p> <p>> Mar. 15, 2021 – 2021 ARCPLC Enrollment Deadline</p> <p>> April 1, 2021 – Purchase Deadline for NAP on Spring Planted crops and/or Buy up Coverage</p> <p>> May 31, 2021— County FSA Office Closed— Memorial Day Holiday</p> <p>> July 5, 2021— County FSA Office Closed— Independence Day Holiday</p> <p>> July 15, 2021— Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline for Spring Planted Crops</p>	<p><u>Keeping Your Records Current</u></p> <p>FSA is cleaning up our producer record database. If you have any changes of address, zip-code, phone numbers, email address, banking information or an incorrect name or business name on file they need to be reported to our office. Changes in your operation, like the addition or loss of a farm lease or purchase/sale of land, need to be reported to our office as well. Producers participating in FSA and NRCS programs are required to timely report changes in their operation to the County Committee in writing and update their CCC-902 Farm Operating Plan.</p> <p>If you have any updates or corrections, please call (307) 682-8843 ext. 2, to update your records.</p>
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